



The State of New Hampshire

Department of Environmental Services



Michael P. Nolin
Commissioner

October 28, 2004

Charles Theall
Hemphill Power & Light Company
PO Box 428
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**NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANCE and
PERMIT REVOCATION – NCPR # 04-071**

RE: SPRINGFIELD, HEMPHILL POWER & LIGHT COMPANY, EXISTING UNDERGROUND
STORAGE TANK FACILITY (UST #A-0111089) (DES #198405050)

Dear Mr. Theall:

The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services ("DES") is hereby notifying you that the above-referenced facility, located at 54 Fisher Corner Road, Springfield, NH is not in compliance with New Hampshire Code of Administrative Rules Env-Wm 1401, regulating Underground Storage Facilities. On April 12, 2004 a DES inspector conducted a compliance audit at the facility. A written document, describing the deficiencies was provided to the facility representative. This document required the facility be returned to compliance within 45 days, and DES be notified of the corrective measures taken. Compliance has not been achieved. **Failure to achieve compliance with the following deficiencies within 90 days from the date of this Notice of Non-Compliance and Permit Revocation ("Notice") will result in revocation of your Permit-to-Operate on January 26, 2005. This letter contains important compliance and procedural information. Please read it carefully. Also, note that due to the non-compliance status of your facility a Proposed Administrative Fine will be issued under separate cover.**

1. Env-Wm 1401.11 Inventory Monitoring

Env-Wm 1401.11 requires inventory monitoring be conducted and inventory records be maintained on motor fuel, hazardous substance and bulk heating oil systems without secondary containment and leak monitoring for both tank and piping. DES has determined that inventory monitoring was not being conducted for the 10,000-gallon diesel UST. Inventory monitoring must be conducted for the 10,000-gallon diesel UST. One month of inventory monitoring results shall be provided to DES.

2. Env-Wm 1401.31 Operation of Leak Monitoring Equipment

Env-Wm 1401.31 requires leak monitoring equipment and devices to be maintained in good working order at all times to continuously perform their original design function and to be tested annually for proper operation. The field inspection revealed that the leak monitor for the 10,000-gallon diesel UST was not continuously operating. DES has also determined that the leak monitoring equipment and devices did not have its annual test for proper operation. Leak monitor replacement or maintenance results or indication that the system has been temporarily closed shall be provided to DES. The annual test documentation shall also be provided to DES.

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3. Env-Wm 1401.33 Corrosion Protection for Piping

Env-Wm 1401.33 requires corrosion protection be installed on regulated piping prior to December 22, 1998. DES has determined that the piping system connected to the chipper is copper and is not corrosion protected. This piping system must be removed and a closure report assessing contamination in accordance with Env-Wm 1401.18(f)(9) must be submitted to DES. DES was unable to determine the type of piping connected to the dispenser. If this piping is corrosion protected a cathodic protection test must be conducted. If this piping is not corrosion protected it must be removed and a closure report assessing contamination in accordance with Env-Wm 1401.18(f)(9) must be submitted to DES.

In addition, Env-Wm 1401.10(a) requires owners of underground storage facilities for oil to maintain financial responsibility for costs associated with cleanup of releases from systems, the implementation of corrective measures, and compensation for third party damages in the amount equal to or greater than \$1,000,000 per occurrence. Env-Wm 1401.10(c) provides that the financial responsibility requirement may be satisfied if the owner is eligible for reimbursement of costs associated with cleanup of releases from the Oil Discharge and Disposal Cleanup Fund ("the Fund"). Eligibility for the Fund is contingent upon achieving and maintaining compliance with statutory (RSA 146-C) and regulatory (Env-Wm 1401) requirement. This facility has not achieved compliance, consequently, the Fund is not available to you as a financial responsibility mechanism.

In accordance with RSA 146-C:4 and Env-Wm 1401.07(a), no person shall own or operate an underground storage facility without a permit issued by DES. Within 30 days from the date of the permit revocation the facility shall be closed in accordance with Env-Wm 1401.18 for permanent closure.

Based on the compliance deficiencies described above, DES believes this facility poses a potential substantial threat to the surface and groundwater of the state. Therefore, in accordance with RSA 146-C:4 and Env-Wm 1401.09, if compliance as requested above is not achieved within ninety (90) days of the date of this Notice your Permit-to-Operate (UST Permit #0111089) shall be revoked effective **January 26, 2005**. Within thirty (30) days of the date of permit revocation all regulated substances must be removed from the UST systems at this facility. If the facility achieves compliance during the ninety (90) day period, it is necessary that documentation be submitted to DES verifying that compliance has been attained.

You have the right to a hearing to contest these allegations before the proposed license action is taken. The hearing would be a formal adjudicative proceeding pursuant to RSA 541-A:31, at which you and any witnesses you may call would have the opportunity to present testimony and evidence as to why the proposed action should not be taken. All testimony at the hearing would be under oath and would be subject to cross-examination. If you wish to have a hearing, one will be scheduled promptly.

RSA 541-A:31 III(e) provides that you have the right to have an attorney present to represent yourself at your own expense. If the Permit is an occupational license, under RSA 541-A:31, III(f) you have the right to request DES to provide a certified shorthand court reporter at your own expense. **Such request must be submitted in writing at least 10 days prior to the proceeding.**

You may waive your right to a hearing. If you waive the hearing, DES is prepared to proceed with the actions as stated above. You should notify DES of your decision by filling out and returning the enclosed form.

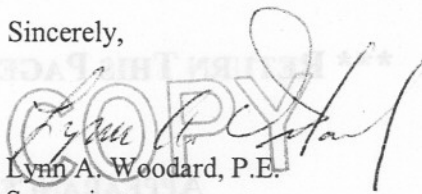
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If there are any questions concerning the above, I may be contacted at the Waste Management Division at (603) 271-1165.

Sincerely,


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Supervisor

Oil Compliance and Initial Response Section

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APPEARANCE

____ I desire a hearing in accordance with Env-Wm 1401 regarding the Permit.

Name: _____
(Please type or print legibly)

Title: _____
(Please type or print legibly)

Signature

Date: _____

WAIVER OF HEARING

____ I certify that I understand my right to a hearing regarding the revocation of the Permit and that I hereby waive those rights.

Name: _____
(Please type or print legibly)

Title: _____
(Please type or print legibly)

Signature

Date: _____

Please return to:

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Attn: Michael Sclafani, Legal Assistant
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